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NOTED MEN TO BE ENTERTAINED AT SHOW.

PROJECTED "ANGORA VENISON" BANQUET TO BE HELD IN DALLAS EXCITES WIDE INTEREST.

MANY INQUIRIES RECEIVED

Charles E. Snyder, Government Expert in Charge of Sheep and Goat Investigations For Department of Agriculture, to Be Among Prominent Visitors Here.

In a letter just received from Secretary McDonald of the Northwest Angora Goat Association, The Observer is informed that John W. Fulton, secretary of the American Angora Breeders Association, will be present at the Second Annual Convention and show of the Northwest Association which will be held in Dallas, January 3, 4, 5, 1912.

It is also expected that Charles E. Snyder, animal husbandman in sheep and goat investigations in connection with the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., will be present, and arrangements are being made for his reception.

Interest Widespread.

Since the announcement of the "Angora Venison" Banquet, the secretary has been besieged with inquiries relative to reservations and information. It is thought that a large delegation from Portland will attend for there are a number of men in that city who claim they are aware of the dainty flavor found in a good, well roasted kid, and are coming to Dallas to not only appease their own appetites, but to prove to their neighbors that they know what they are talking about. This means that each will "come and bring a friend."

Feature Unique.

The unique feature of the banquet is attracting attention all over the country, and it is conceded to be at once the most novel and out of the ordinary affair which the Northwest has ever been invited to attend. In fact a careful search has failed to show that such an affair has ever been pulled off anywhere, and in this and many other ways the Northwest Angora Goat Association is placing itself in the front ranks of live associations.

FRED ELLIOTT ENLARGES SIZE OF FRUNE ORCHARD

Finds Business Profitable and Increases Area to Total of Thirty-five Acres.

Fred R. Elliott, one of the leading prune growers of this county, has demonstrated to his entire satisfaction that the Italian prune is a profitable crop, and he is accordingly adding seven acres to his present orchard south of town, which, when completed, will make a total of 35 acres which he will devote to that use. He has five acres already set out, and the remaining two acres of the new plantation will be finished in a short time.

Will Sell Candy.

In order to add funds for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. of Dallas College, the members will sell home made candies preceding and between acts at the performance of "Pinafore" tonight.

Mrs. C. R. Hobbs, accompanied by her husband, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harshman.

African Railroad Wants Dallas Man Back

The McNamara Brothers and Los Angeles Courthouse



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LIFE in the Los Angeles jail evidently agrees with the two brothers John J. and James B. McNamara, who are there awaiting the outcome of the charges made against them by Detective Burns. This picture, which shows James B., accused of the actual dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building, at the left and his brother, held as accomplice before the fact, at the right, bears testimony to the improvement in health of James especially, who was ill when he was taken from Indianapolis. He is the younger brother, and his regard for and dependence upon the sturdy John J. are as noticeable now as in the days immediately following their arrest. John J. himself, who has for years been the head of the family, is said to worry more about his brother's plight than his own. The building in the foreground of the lower picture is the courthouse in which the trial is held.

Basket Ball Team of Local High Now Working Hard

HAS BERRIES IN NOVEMBER

Luscious Strawberries Fresh From Vine.

Thermometers tell the tale of Dallas's equitable, pleasant climate, but the most striking demonstration of it that has come to the Observer's notice was contained in two boxes of large and very handsome strawberries which were brought in to the office Wednesday night by Frank Harris of this city. The berries were picked during the day in Mr. Harris' five acre field in the northeast part of town. They are of the Magoon variety, and are as luscious, as highly colored and as deliciously flavored as if they had been ripened beneath the rays of the summer sun.

Mr. Harris began picking from his patch last May, and there has been but one month since then that he has not been able to gather a few boxes for his own use.

Obtains Many Names.

Mrs. H. E. Smith, who, as a special representative of the Commercial Club, is canvassing the city for names of eastern relatives and friends to whom the club will send booster booklets, is meeting with encouraging success and already has a large list collected. In one day, she obtained over 300.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Boulton, of Kenesaw, Nebraska, are visiting at the home of Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Young. They are making a tour of the Willamette Valley and will leave soon for Klamath Falls.

OPENING GAME OF COMING SEASON EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE ABOUT DECEMBER FIRST.

The Dallas High School Basketball team is practicing hard for their opening game of the 1911-12 season, which is expected to take place about the first of December. The practice work is being done in the rink now, but it is hoped to be able to use the new Armory later. Barham, the captain, is busy working the soreness out of his men and training them in team work. "Barney" has a good bunch of material to pick from, and with him and Heistand playing in form the team will certainly not lack a good center.

Woods, the wizard basket tosser, is playing his old position at forward, and Boydston, who has played as Woods' partner for three years will probably hold down the other forward position. Campbell, who played guard last season is now trying out at forward and will make a valuable addition. He is fast and handles the ball well. Cutler, the whirlwind guard, is playing his usual game. Matheny, who is in the other guard position is getting to be a "shack" at shooting baskets. Cadle and Gardner, both new men, are expected to be good by the middle of the season. Snyder played fullback on the Salem High school team in 1910, and, although new in basketball, should make a good guard. Wilson, who played center on the second team is trying out for guard and will probably make sub. Manager Cadle is arranging a

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BOER WAR VETERAN HAS URGENT SUMMONS

H. MARGOLISH RECEIVES LONG DISTANCE OFFER TO RESUME WORK AS TELEGRAPH OPERATOR.

Once Employed on Cape to Cairo Line, Longest Single System in the World—Wounded in Boer War—Lost Three Fortunes in Wool and Mohair Business There.

To be asked to re-enter the service of a big railroad is an honor that comes to few railroad men, and when it does come is appreciated all the more. To receive such a request from the longest single railroad in the world and to have that request come the thousands of miles of water that stretch between this city and Cape Town, Africa, is the novel honor that has fallen upon a Dallas business man, H. Margolish, the commission merchant. Mr. Margolish was for many years a resident of South Africa, and during a part of that time was employed as a telegraph operator on the Cape to Cairo railroad, which extends for a distance of 6000 miles from Cape Town, at the extreme southern tip of the African continent, to Cairo, the city famous of Egypt, lying in the Valley of the Nile not far from its entrance into the Mediterranean Sea. So well did Mr. Margolish perform his duties while there, that he has just been the recipient of a letter asking him to go back and enter the service again.

Almost Yielded.

The letter came last week, and for a time Mr. Margolish was on the point of yielding to the "call of the rails" that comes to every man who has ever left the employ of a railroad—the irresistible fascination that will impel him to leave a life of comfort and peace to hazard his personal safety amid the excitement and lure of the rumbling wheels and bumping cars, of clicking joints and flashing lights and sounding signals. But after he thought it over, after he recalled the advantages of climate of Dallas and the start that he had made in its commercial life, he concluded that this was the best place after all, and he declined the offer. Mr. Margolish is familiar with the important events that brought South Africa to the public attention some years ago. He served throughout the Boer war in the compulsory service of the British Army, and while in one engagement was shot through the cheek.

Lost Three Fortunes.

During his residence in that country, he was engaged in the commission business, handling wool and mohair which he shipped to England. While so employed he made and lost three fortunes, as a result of circumstances over which he had no control. The Boer war brought ruin to him, and again during the financial stringency which gripped this country a few years ago he was caught in the net and was compelled to let immense quantities of wool and mohair go for a mere fraction of their cost to him.

Demolishing Tabernacle.

The big tabernacle on the corner of Clay and Jefferson streets used by the congregation of the Church of Christ during the erection of the new church building, is being torn down and hauled off. The new church will be used next Sunday morning for the first time.

IMMENSE LETTUCE YIELD

Falls City Gardner Proves Value of Soil.

FALLS CITY, Or., Nov. 9.—(Special)—Some interesting facts have just been disclosed by T. D. Hallowell concerning the adaptability of the soil and around this city for the raising of vegetables and small fruits. Mr. Hallowell has been engaged in truck gardening for the last five years and the enterprise has proved very profitable. From a tract of land five feet wide and ninety feet long Mr. Hallowell sold \$123.75 worth of lettuce last summer. This is at the rate of 27½¢ per square foot or \$10,000 per acre. This conclusively proves that the possibilities of the soil in the vicinity of this city are unbounded.

Mr. Hallowell is a pioneer resident of this city and has been one of the most prominent promulgators in its development. He is an intelligent member of the Commercial club, and has been active in all matters pertaining to the advancement of Falls City.

FAKE LAND TRICK IS CHARGED

WILLAMINA MAN BUNKOED OUT OF BANK DRAFTS.

Alleged Portland Real Estate Men Sell Non Existent Tract of Land to Emil W. Gustafson.

WILLAMINA, Or., Nov. 9.—In what is believed to be a clever swindle Emil W. Gustafson, of Willamina, has been tricked out of drafts aggregating \$900. No clew to the perpetrators of the alleged fraud has been found, but officers of the bank here learned today that land supposed to have been bought by Gustafson did not exist.

Induced to Invest.

Men representing themselves to be owners of real estate in the vicinity of Portland came to Willamina last week and convinced Gustafson that they had property that would be a profitable investment to him. He gave the men drafts No. 2023 for \$400 and 2024 for \$500, both drawn on the Merchants National Bank of Portland, by the State Bank of Willamina.

The cashier of the bank here said today that the drafts had not to his knowledge been cashed and officers were notified to look for the possessors of the drafts.

First Snow.

The first snow of the season fell Thursday morning, and when Dallas people arose they found the hills to the west well whitened and the air cool. The small amount that fell in the city soon disappeared. Despite the wintry appearance of the weather, the roses were blooming on the Court House plaza, and only the day before a Dallas man picked several boxes of strawberries fresh from the vine.

Fine Strawberries.

Through the kindness of J. C. Schultz The Observer man had the privilege yesterday of sampling some very fine strawberries grown in the garden of Thomas Hubbard, of Falls City. The fruit was large, ripe and finely flavored and demonstrated emphatically the fertility of Polk County soil and equable climate.

WOMEN'S CLUB HAS INTERESTING SESSION

ORGANIZATION NOW HAS OVER ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS AND IS STILL GROWING RAPIDLY.

COMMITTEES ARE ANNOUNCED

Party to Be Given Next Friday Night By Members of Young Women's Section—Future Meetings To Be Held in High School Building on First Saturday of Month.

A very interesting meeting of the Women's Club of Dallas was held in the Sunday School room of the Presbyterian Church, Tuesday afternoon. After a short business session the following program was rendered:

Very interesting reports from the Roseburg convention by the delegates Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. B. Casey.

Reading by Mrs. Van Orsdel, Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker's Civic Alphabet.

Paper by Mrs. G. P. MacGregor on the "Development of Music up to the time of Bach."

The club is progressing wonderfully and from present indication will be a very popular organization, there being now over a hundred members, about half of whom belong to the Young Women's section.

Planning Party.

The members of the Young Women's section are planning to give a party at the home of Mrs. George Gerlinger, Friday, November 17, to which the young women of the community will be invited.

Future meetings of the club will be held in the Assembly room of the High School building on the first Saturday afternoon of each month instead of on Tuesdays.

Mrs. W. W. Johnson has consented.

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LECTURES SOON START

Series of Popular Entertainments to Begin in Dallas, Wednesday, November 22.

The Dallas College Lyceum Course for 1911-12 will be opened with a musical and literary entertainment to be given Wednesday, November 22, by the Aller Trio. This is a company of three artists who assure a program of high order.

On Tuesday, December 5, Ernest J. Sias will deliver the only lecture of the course on "The Lost Chord." This is the one lecturer who made this western circuit for the bureau last year whose return has been demanded everywhere.

The Virginia Warblers, an old and popular company of negro singers now before the public, will give their number of the course Wednesday, January 2. This promises to be one of the very richest treats of the year for Dallas lovers of music and good cheer.

Later in the spring the Cafarelli Concert Company, an ideal musical attraction with harp, violin, bells, piano and songs, will give Dallas music lovers a rare entertainment. In fact the whole course is such as to commend itself to all who enjoy high grade attractions.

Owing to the solicitations made for the purpose of insuring a permanent home for the College, and the opera to be given this week, no canvass has yet been made for this course, but there will be an opportunity given this week and next to the patrons of this course to obtain season tickets.